

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14

APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULAR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING, NATIVE TREE PLANTING AND INVENTORY, EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN CLAY BLUFFS CEDAR GORGE NATURE PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry projects specified in s. 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve the local ecology, aesthetics and native vegetation in Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve, in the City of Port Washington, by developing a forest management plan, removing ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer, planting and inventorying native trees, and conducting education and outreach efforts to Ozaukee County residents to encourage native tree planting and on private property; and

WHEREAS, this funding will support employment of conservation corps (e.g., AmeriCorps NCCC, Milwaukee Community Service Corps, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps) for assistance and will support education, training and outreach to adjacent neighbors, neighboring communities and conservation corps members; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Department's goal to maintain the high-quality County Parks System reflective of the local ecology by preserving, protecting and restoring the natural resources inclusive of the native plant communities, particularly through tree planting activities; and

WHEREAS, this effort will assist in taking the steps to manage Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve for Emerald Ash Borer and provide related ecological education to adjacent landowners through volunteer workdays; and

WHEREAS, continuation of the Department's management of forestry resources will benefit Ozaukee County residents, visitors and local ecosystems, as well as restore habitat for fish and wildlife, provide for stormwater management, and enhance natural resources and recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the required matching funds (50% local match) would be provided by in-kind County staff time and equipment, volunteer time and supplies and contractual items as funded under other grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this grant is for the 2022 calendar year and is consistent with the adopted *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, requests a grant agreement to carry out the project, has budgeted a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactory complete the

project, and authorizes the Director of the Planning and Parks Department to act on its behalf to sign and submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant application, sign a grant agreement between Ozaukee County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, submit interim and/or final reports to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to satisfy the grant agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and sign and submit other required documentation and take necessary actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ozaukee County will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement, may perform force account work, and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources project agreement for these funds.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 7th day of September 2022.

*SUMMARY: Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Forestry Planning, Tree Planting and Inventory, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve.*

*VOTE REQUIRED: Majority*

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** T. Matera, Supervisor District 7

**SECONDER:** B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

**AYES:** Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow

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 **Passed By Majority Vote**

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| Winker     |  | YES     |
| Haas       |  | YES     |
| Jobs       |  | YES     |
| Schlenvogt |  | YES     |
| Clark      |  | EXCUSED |
| Nelson     |  | YES     |
| Matera     |  | YES     |
| Larson     |  | YES     |
| Grabow     |  | YES     |
| Melotik    |  | YES     |
| Wolf       |  | YES     |
| Richart    |  | YES     |
| Hagen      |  | YES     |

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| Rishel    |   | YES     |
| Maguire   |   | YES     |
| Whitworth |   | EXCUSED |
| Irish     |   | YES     |
| Stelter   |   | YES     |
| Ross      | M | YES     |
| Godden    |   | YES     |
| Strom     |   | YES     |
| Holyoke   |   | YES     |
| Schoessow |   | YES     |
| Krane     |   | YES     |
| Watts     | S | YES     |
| Foy       |   | EXCUSED |